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Key: a - asked price; bid - bid price; n - nominal quotation

The open contract figures shown in this publication are the aggregates of positions long (or short) carried on the books of clearing members.

Table 1. WHEAT: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
February 1953

Date	:Chicago Board of Trade:	:North : :Pacific:	Minneapolis:	Kansas City :	Other :	Total
		:Coast :	Grain : Exchange :	Board of Trade	: contract : : Markets :	
1953.	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
February	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
Sunday						
2	7,121	---	1,252	2,177	212	10,762
3	9,599	---	1,332	1,404	201	12,536
4	5,063	---	846	1,335	309	7,553
5	7,388	---	716	1,362	234	9,700
6	15,987	---	1,732	3,509	323	21,551
Saturday						
Sunday						
9	19,911	---	2,216	2,387	407	24,921
10	21,915	---	1,891	3,378	263	27,447
11	20,158	---	3,190	5,560	274	29,182
Holiday						
13	10,538	---	1,558	2,404	372	14,872
Saturday						
Sunday						
16	9,044	---	1,165	1,902	195	12,306
17	11,178	---	1,171	2,370	261	14,980
18	11,344	---	1,225	2,333	273	15,175
19	10,555	---	2,084	2,788	167	15,594
20	15,536	---	2,018	2,771	364	20,689
Saturday						
Sunday						
Holiday						
24	11,881	---	1,573	2,357	190	16,001
25	11,081	---	1,187	2,093	270	14,631
26	13,467	---	1,356	2,396	256	17,475
27	14,771	---	1,217	1,957	273	18,218
Saturday						
Total						
Feb. 1953	226,537	---	27,729	44,483	4,844	303,593
Jan. 1953	175,692	---	31,871	41,482	4,734	253,779
Feb. 1952	212,948	---	44,016	40,387	6,839	304,190

Table 2. WHEAT: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
February 1953

Date	Future						All futures
	March	May	July	September	December		
1953 February	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
Sunday							
2	682	4,689	1,052	517	151		7,121
3	851	5,884	1,970	761	133		9,599
4	886	2,951	833	267	126		5,063
5	1,010	4,312	1,236	582	248		7,388
6	2,480	9,640	2,689	832	346		15,987
Saturday							
Sunday							
9	3,657	10,915	3,116	1,724	499		19,911
10	4,816	11,943	3,566	1,248	312		21,915
11	3,178	12,818	3,005	975	182		20,158
Holiday							
13	1,304	7,008	1,388	744	94		10,538
Saturday							
Sunday							
16	1,387	5,512	1,662	375	108		9,044
17	1,328	6,969	1,937	795	99		11,178
18	1,213	6,524	2,288	1,122	197		11,344
19	1,436	5,983	1,844	956	336		10,555
20	1,496	8,960	3,549	1,146	385		15,536
Saturday							
Sunday							
Holiday							
24	1,698	5,945	3,282	754	202		11,881
25	2,108	5,372	2,788	519	294		11,081
26	2,408	6,465	3,575	585	434		13,467
27	3,780	6,868	3,587	371	165		14,771
Saturday							
Total							
Feb. 1953	35,748	128,758	43,417	14,303	4,311		226,537
Jan. 1953	33,937	93,022	32,996	12,915	1,692		175,692
Feb. 1952	34,272	128,111	30,978	14,308	5,279		212,948

Table 3. WHEAT: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
February 1953

	:Chicago Board of Trade:	:	:	:	:	:
Date	:	:North	: Minneapolis:	: Kansas City	: Other	:
	:	:Pacific	: Grain	: Board of	: contract:	Total
	:	:Coast	: Exchange	: Trade	: markets	:
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
February	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
Sunday						
2	72,178	---	10,712	13,860	373	97,123
3	71,295	---	10,605	14,088	383	96,371
4	70,916	---	10,585	14,204	433	96,138
5	70,407	---	10,573	14,171	430	95,581
6	69,028	---	10,551	14,226	434	94,239
Saturday						
Sunday						
9	66,538	---	10,247	14,234	489	91,508
10	62,263	---	9,938	14,216	467	86,934
11	62,146	---	9,718	15,286	491	87,641
Holiday						
13	60,746	---	9,297	15,369	567	85,979
Saturday						
Sunday						
16	60,376	---	9,200	15,350	573	85,499
17	59,942	---	9,118	15,939	605	85,604
18	59,595	---	8,974	15,867	634	85,070
19	58,046	---	8,514	15,563	607	82,730
20	57,458	---	8,680	15,585	601	82,324
Saturday						
Sunday						
Holiday						
24	56,616	---	8,909	15,424	642	81,591
25	56,471	---	8,947	15,493	679	81,590
26	56,597	---	8,928	15,606	657	81,738
27	55,552	---	8,883	15,452	584	80,471
Saturday						

Table 4. WHEAT: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
February 1953

Date	Future						All futures
	March	May	July	September	December		
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	
1953 February							
Sunday							
2	25,183	29,335	13,671	4,857	1,132		72,178
3	23,052	29,073	13,333	4,679	1,158		71,295
4	22,736	28,971	13,321	4,650	1,188		70,916
5	22,453	28,440	13,338	4,919	1,257		70,407
6	21,708	28,102	12,926	4,971	1,321		69,028
Saturday							
Sunday							
9	20,078	27,347	12,716	5,102	1,295		66,538
10	17,186	26,412	12,324	5,076	1,265		62,263
11	15,560	27,825	12,479	5,004	1,278		62,146
Holiday							
13	14,997	27,102	12,386	4,955	1,306		60,746
Saturday							
Sunday							
16	14,561	26,974	12,449	5,070	1,322		60,376
17	13,959	27,254	12,350	5,036	1,343		59,942
18	13,421	27,186	12,383	5,206	1,399		59,595
19	12,766	26,586	12,273	4,949	1,462		58,046
20	11,767	26,562	12,437	5,073	1,619		57,458
Saturday							
Sunday							
Holiday							
24	10,530	26,726	12,563	5,080	1,717		56,616
25	9,380	27,465	12,650	5,180	1,796		56,471
26	7,785	28,627	13,154	5,218	1,813		56,597
27	4,974	29,264	14,148	5,232	1,934		55,552
Saturday							

Table 5. WHEAT: Daily closing prices, at Chicago, Minneapolis and Kansas City
February 1953

		: 1953 May future		
Date	Chicago	Minneapolis	Kansas City	
	Board of	Grain	Board of	
	Trade	Exchange	Trade	
1953				
February	Cents	Cents	Cents	
Sunday				
2	230-30 1/4	234 3/8	233 1/2	
3	229 5/8-3/4	234 1/4	232 3/4-7/8	
4	230 1/4-3/8	234 7/8	233 3/8	
5	231 1/8-1/4	235 1/4	233 5/8	
6	228 1/4-3/8	233 1/4	231 1/2-5/8	
Saturday				
Sunday				
9	221 1/2-22 1/4	228 1/2	227-27 1/8	
10	224 3/4-7/8	230 3/4	228 1/4-3/8	
11	225 3/8-1/2	232	229 1/4	
Holiday				
13	226 3/8-1/2	232 1/4	228 7/8-29	
Saturday				
Sunday				
16	227 1/2-5/8	233 5/8	230 1/4-3/8	
17	227 3/4-7/8	233 5/8	230 3/4-7/8	
18	229 5/8-3/4	235 7/8	233 3/8	
19	229 5/8-3/4	235 7/8	233 7/8	
20	231 3/8-5/8	236 3/4	234 1/2-5/8	
Saturday				
Sunday				
Holiday				
24	230 1/4-3/8	235 1/4 a	232 7/8-33 1/8	
25	230 3/8-1/2	235 1/8	233 3/8-1/2	
26	230 1/2-5/8	235 7/8	233 7/8-34	
27	230 5/8-3/4	236 1/4	234-34 1/8	
Saturday				

Table 7. CORN: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
February 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Other contract markets	Total
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000
February	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
Sunday			
2	11,073	217	12,190
3	15,493	329	15,822
4	9,250	119	9,369
5	8,595	98	8,693
6	30,701	151	30,852
Saturday			
Sunday			
9	26,252	346	26,598
10	27,137	242	27,379
11	15,615	234	15,849
Holiday			
13	11,180	201	11,381
Saturday			
Sunday			
16	10,755	129	10,884
17	15,472	182	15,654
18	9,144	143	9,287
19	15,403	159	15,562
20	11,931	190	12,121
Saturday			
Sunday			
Holiday			
24	9,936	111	10,047
25	9,855	97	9,952
26	9,405	96	9,501
27	10,764	144	10,908
Saturday			
Total			
Feb. 1953	253,861	3,188	262,049
Jan. 1953	228,986	3,301	230,267
Feb. 1952	217,299	3,125	220,424

Table 8. CORN: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
February 1953

Date	Future						All futures
	March	May	July	September	December		
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	
1952							
February							
Sunday							
2	1,765	7,631	2,085	281	31		11,973
3	1,921	10,138	2,578	826	30		15,495
4	906	7,046	988	291	19		9,250
5	1,909	5,356	847	412	71		8,595
6	5,083	17,664	6,540	1,256	158		30,701
Saturday							
Sunday							
9	3,990	13,623	6,747	1,566	326		26,252
10	4,413	14,737	6,397	1,362	223		27,137
11	1,653	9,513	3,437	790	222		15,615
Holiday							
13	1,379	6,526	2,632	525	112		11,180
Saturday							
Sunday							
16	1,230	6,773	2,327	385	40		10,755
17	2,125	9,233	3,456	570	88		15,472
18	1,227	5,771	1,720	314	112		9,144
19	1,656	10,137	2,991	546	73		15,403
20	912	7,353	2,850	530	286		11,931
Saturday							
Sunday							
Holiday							
24	1,066	5,499	2,519	426	426		9,936
25	1,645	5,950	1,859	296	103		9,655
26	2,273	5,367	1,640	87	36		9,405
27	3,102	5,760	1,504	275	123		10,764
Saturday							
Total							
Feb. 1953	38,260	154,277	53,097	10,740	2,487		258,861
Jan. 1953	37,560	146,215	35,240	7,503	448		226,966
Feb. 1952	16,832	129,951	53,472	15,049	1,995		217,299

Table 9. CORN: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
February 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Other contract markets	Total
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000
February	bushels	bushels	bushels
Sunday			
2	80,725	1,314	82,039
3	80,289	1,262	81,551
4	79,268	1,245	80,513
5	78,465	1,232	79,697
6	73,363	1,231	74,594
Saturday			
Sunday			
9	71,180	1,092	72,272
10	69,992	1,069	71,061
11	69,701	1,048	70,749
Holiday			
13	68,999	1,047	70,046
Saturday			
Sunday			
16	69,035	1,045	70,080
17	68,733	1,058	69,791
18	68,540	1,021	69,561
19	69,108	1,015	70,123
20	69,162	1,013	70,175
Saturday			
Sunday			
Holiday			
24	70,418	1,001	71,419
25	70,310	999	71,309
26	69,485	973	70,458
27	68,185	958	69,143
Saturday			

Table 10. CORN: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
February 1953

Date	Future						All futures
	March	May	July	September	December		
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	
1953							
February							
Sunday							
2	21,097	41,249	15,662	2,326	391		80,725
3	20,444	41,398	15,697	2,337	413		80,289
4	20,177	40,760	15,575	2,344	412		79,268
5	19,488	40,444	15,554	2,542	437		78,465
6	17,232	37,574	15,480	2,588	489		73,363
Saturday							
Sunday							
9	15,152	37,181	15,135	3,120	592		71,180
10	13,202	37,108	15,899	3,136	647		69,992
11	12,710	36,763	16,320	3,167	741		69,701
Holiday							
13	12,160	36,453	16,457	3,119	810		68,999
Saturday							
Sunday							
16	11,755	36,416	16,794	3,252	818		69,035
17	11,051	35,977	17,545	3,340	820		68,733
18	10,839	35,931	17,553	3,351	866		68,540
19	10,380	36,422	17,983	3,418	905		69,108
20	10,014	36,061	18,482	3,464	1,141		69,162
Saturday							
Sunday							
Holiday							
24	9,498	36,669	19,178	3,671	1,402		70,418
25	8,863	36,872	19,465	3,687	1,423		70,310
26	7,324	37,343	19,711	3,679	1,428		69,485
27	5,333	37,883	19,691	3,760	1,468		68,185
Saturday							

Table 11. CORN: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, February 1953

Date	1953 March future			1953 May future			1953 July future		
	:High	Low	Closing	:High	Low	Closing	:High	Low	Closing
1953									
February	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents
Sunday	:			:			:		
2	:161 3/8	158 7/8	159	:164 1/8	161 1/2	161 1/2-5/8	:166 1/2	164 1/2	164 1/2
3	:159 1/2	158 1/8	158 7/8-59	:162	161	161 5/8-3/4	:164 1/2	163 1/2	164 1/8
4	:159 3/8	158 3/8	158 3/4-7/8	:162 1/4	161 1/4	161 3/4-7/8	:164 1/2	163 7/8	164 1/4
5	:158 7/8	157 5/8	158 1/4-3/8	:161 5/8	160 3/4	161 1/2-5/8	:164 1/4	163 1/2	164 1/4
6	:157 1/8	152 1/2	153-53 1/4	:160 1/2	155 7/8	156 1/2-5/8	:163 1/2	158 1/2	159 1/8-1/4
Saturday	:			:			:		
Sunday	:			:			:		
9	:153 1/4	149	149	:157	152 1/2	152 1/2-5/8	:159 1/4	155	155-55 1/8
10	:153 1/4	147 3/4	152-52 1/4	:156 3/8	152	155 3/8-5/8	:159	154 3/4	158 1/4-3/8
11	:153 5/8	151 7/8	153 1/2	:157	155 1/8	156 3/8-1/2	:159 1/2	158	159 1/4
Holiday	:			:			:		
13	:154 1/4	152	153 7/8-54 1/4	:157	155	156 7/8-57	:159 1/2	157 1/2	159 3/8-1/2
Saturday	:			:			:		
Sunday	:			:			:		
16	:155 1/4	154	155	:158 1/8	156 3/4	157 7/8-58	:160 1/2	159 3/8	160 1/4-3/8
17	:156 1/2	154 5/8	155 3/4-7/8	:159 3/8	157 1/8	158 3/8-1/2	:161 3/4	159 7/8	161 1/4
18	:156 3/4	155 3/8	156 5/8-3/4	:159 3/8	158 1/4	159 1/8-1/4	:161 7/8	160 3/4	161 3/4
19-	:158	155 7/8	157 3/4	:160 7/8	158 5/8	160 1/8-1/4	:163 3/4	161 1/8	162 7/8-63
20	:158	156 5/8	157 7/8-58	:160 3/4	159 1/4	160 1/2-5/8	:163 3/4	162 1/8	163 3/8-1/2
Saturday	:			:			:		
Sunday	:			:			:		
Holiday	:			:			:		
24	:157 3/4	156 1/2	157 1/4-3/8	:160 1/4	159 1/8	159 3/4-7/8	:163 1/4	162 1/8	162 3/4-63
25	:157 1/8	155 3/4	156 3/4-57	:160	158 5/8	159 5/8-3/4	:162 7/8	161 1/2	162 3/8-1/2
26	:156 7/8	156	156-56 1/8	:159 7/8	159 1/8	159 1/8-1/4	:162 1/2	161 3/4	162
27	:155 3/4	154 5/8	155 1/8-1/4	:159	158 1/4	158 5/8-3/4	:161 3/4	161 1/8	161 1/2-3/4
Saturday	:			:			:		

Table 12. OATS: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
February 1953

Date	: Chicago : Board of : Trade	: Minneapolis : Grain : Exchange	: Other : contract : markets	: : Total
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
February	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
Sunday				
2	9,372	417	86	9,875
3	9,398	578	109	10,085
4	5,666	342	72	6,080
5	7,701	594	56	8,351
6	24,598	953	434	25,985
Saturday				
Sunday				
9	31,187	1,035	155	32,377
10	23,740	706	69	24,515
11	18,049	1,125	55	19,229
Holiday				
13	14,799	610	61	15,470
Saturday				
Sunday				
16	9,264	474	38	9,776
17	15,642	754	69	16,465
18	7,472	270	22	7,764
19	9,081	312	70	9,463
20	15,049	417	70	15,536
Saturday				
Sunday				
Holiday				
24	13,048	380	42	13,470
25	11,370	337	53	11,760
26	10,921	281	51	11,253
27	14,617	257	133	15,007
Saturday				
Total				
Feb. 1953	250,974	9,842	1,645	262,461
Jan. 1953	217,517	6,791	1,839	226,147
Feb. 1952	217,324	6,440	1,632	225,396

Table 13. OATS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
February 1953

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
February	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
Sunday						
2	2,583	4,594	1,722	473		9,372
3	2,752	4,773	1,306	567		9,398
4	1,823	2,959	657	227		5,666
5	2,525	4,091	687	393		7,701
6	7,479	11,180	3,992	1,947		24,598
Saturday						
Sunday	10,951	13,159	5,104	1,973		31,187
10	6,137	10,297	4,810	2,496		23,740
11	5,987	7,923	3,186	953		18,049
Holiday						
13	5,485	6,373	2,130	811		14,799
Saturday						
Sunday						
16	2,635	3,985	2,261	383		9,264
17	4,741	7,201	2,719	981		15,642
18	2,253	3,637	1,168	414		7,472
19	2,701	4,310	1,550	520		9,081
20	3,614	7,651	2,800	984		15,049
Saturday						
Sunday						
Holiday						
24	3,308	5,712	2,493	1,535		13,048
25	3,389	5,311	1,660	810		11,370
26	4,052	3,927	2,335	494	113	10,921
27	6,602	5,116	1,921	786	192	14,617
Saturday						
Total						
Feb. 1953	79,017	112,139	42,701	16,752	305	250,974
Jan. 1953	73,438	99,702	30,327	13,730	---	217,517
Feb. 1952	45,570	110,591	42,216	16,137	2,808	217,324

Table 14. OATS: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
February 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contract markets	Total
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
February	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
Sunday				
2	82,887	6,100	445	89,432
3	82,582	5,938	456	88,976
4	82,385	5,879	454	88,718
5	82,186	5,688	452	88,326
6	80,169	5,599	375	86,143
Saturday				
Sunday				
9	79,843	5,546	343	85,732
10	79,039	5,523	329	84,891
11	78,720	5,545	325	84,590
Holiday				
13	76,495	5,485	319	82,299
Saturday				
Sunday				
16	75,596	5,545	330	81,471
17	74,797	5,602	310	80,709
18	73,787	5,579	312	79,678
19	72,481	5,539	329	78,399
20	71,702	5,569	330	77,601
Saturday				
Sunday				
Holiday				
24	71,243	5,475	326	77,044
25	71,755	5,433	334	77,522
26	70,919	5,409	329	76,657
27	69,298	5,393	401	75,092
Saturday				

Table 15. OATS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
February 1953

Date	Future						All futures
	March	May	July	September	December		
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	
1953							
February							
Sunday							
2	34,006	33,794	9,843	5,244			82,887
3	33,836	33,786	9,767	5,193			82,582
4	33,474	33,786	9,825	5,300			82,385
5	33,162	33,591	9,974	5,459			82,186
6	31,684	32,725	10,382	5,378			80,169
Saturday							
Sunday							
9	31,224	32,470	10,552	5,597			79,843
10	29,776	32,272	11,102	5,889			79,039
11	29,013	32,502	11,207	5,903			78,720
Holiday							
13	26,283	33,412	10,849	5,951			76,495
Saturday							
Sunday							
16	25,484	33,309	10,805	5,998			75,596
17	24,106	33,756	10,921	6,014			74,797
18	23,229	33,805	10,879	5,874			73,787
19	22,113	33,702	10,919	5,747			72,481
20	19,890	34,822	11,258	5,752			71,702
Saturday							
Sunday							
Holiday							
24	18,701	35,315	11,188	6,039			71,243
25	17,448	36,504	11,548	6,255			71,755
26	15,435	37,079	11,905	6,422		78	70,919
27	12,593	37,932	12,203	6,350		220	69,298
Saturday							

Table 16. OATS: Daily closing prices, Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg, and rate of exchange, Canadian Currency February 1953

Date	1953 May future			Canadian Currency	
	Chicago	Minneapolis	Winnipeg	Closing Quotation	
	Board of	Grain	Grain	2/	
	Trade	Exchange	Exchange		
1953					
February	Cents	Cents	Cents 1/		Percent
Sunday					
2	78 5/8-3/4	75	78 3/4	3	Premium
3	79-79 1/8	75 1/8	78 5/8 b	2 23/32	"
4	79-79 1/8	75 1/2	78 7/8	2 19/32	"
5	79 1/4-3/8	75 1/2	78 5/8	2 11/16	"
6	75 3/4-76	72 1/2	76 1/4	2 11/16	"
Saturday					
Sunday					
9	73 1/8-1/2	70 1/2	75	2 11/16	"
10	74-74 1/8	71 5/8 a	76 1/4	2 5/8	"
11	73 1/8-3/8	69 1/2	76 1/4	2 1/2	"
Holiday					
13	73 1/2-5/8	70 1/4	76 5/8	2 13/32	"
Saturday					
Sunday					
16	73 3/4-7/8	71	77	2 11/32	"
17	73 1/2-5/8	70 1/2 b	76	2 11/32	"
18	73 3/4-7/8	70 3/4	76 3/8 b	2 1/8	"
19	74-74 1/8	71	76 1/2 b	2 3/32	"
20	75 1/4-3/8	72 b	77 1/8	2 1/8	"
Saturday					
Sunday					
Holiday					
24	76 1/8-1/4	72 1/2	77	2	"
25	75 1/2-5/8	72 b	77	1 7/8	"
26	75-75 1/4	71 7/8 a	77 1/8	1 11/16	"
27	74 3/8-1/2	72	77 1/8	1 3/4	"
Saturday					

1/ Quotations converted into U. S. Currency.

2/ Basis for converting closing prices on foreign markets into U. S. value.

NOTE: Canadian currency quotations furnished by a large Chicago bank.
Exchange rate not available on February 12 and 23, Chicago banks closed.

Table 18. RYE: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
February 1953

Date	: Chicago : Board of : Trade	: Minneapolis : Grain : Exchange	: Other : contract : markets	: : Total
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
February	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
Sunday				
2	2,676	20	16	2,712
3	2,999	50	12	3,061
4	1,581	10	31	1,622
5	2,785	22	17	2,824
6	5,777	118	19	5,914
Saturday				
Sunday				
9	4,235	66	8	4,309
10	3,825	89	20	3,934
11	2,242	47	14	2,303
Holiday				
13	3,820	32	18	3,870
Saturday				
Sunday				
16	2,575	21	9	2,605
17	3,322	36	33	3,391
18	2,105	53	18	2,176
19	2,215	61	7	2,283
20	4,195	63	41	4,299
Saturday				
Sunday				
Holiday				
24	3,121	49	7	3,177
25	2,638	24	34	2,746
26	3,411	30	39	3,522
27	2,037	19	17	2,073
Saturday				
Total				
Feb. 1953	55,642	819	360	56,821
Jan. 1953	60,046	780	194	61,020
Feb. 1952	30,115	1,590	402	32,107

Table 19. RYE: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
February 1953

Date	Future				All futures
	March	May	July	September	
1953	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
February					
Sunday					
2	---	1,482	795	399	2,676
3	---	1,503	1,058	438	2,999
4	---	1,077	407	97	1,581
5	---	2,019	577	189	2,785
6	---	3,098	1,693	986	5,777
Saturday					
Sunday					
9	---	2,318	1,129	788	4,235
10	---	2,186	1,062	577	3,825
11	---	1,422	567	253	2,242
Holiday					
13	50	2,218	1,068	464	3,820
Saturday					
Sunday					
16	---	1,436	710	429	2,575
17	---	2,120	709	493	3,322
18	---	1,310	340	455	2,105
19	---	1,382	433	400	2,215
20	---	2,592	938	665	4,195
Saturday					
Sunday					
Holiday					
24	---	1,882	1,021	218	3,121
25	---	1,344	1,025	319	2,688
26	---	2,106	937	401	3,444
27	---	1,026	646	335	2,037
Saturday					
Total					
Feb. 1953	50	32,521	15,135	7,936	55,642
Jan. 1953	15	36,557	14,995	8,479	60,046
Feb. 1952	---	19,565	9,544	1,006	30,115

Table 20. RYE: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
February 1953

Date	: Chicago Board of Trade	: Minneapolis Grain Exchange	: Other contract markets	: Total
	: 1,000 bushels	: 1,000 bushels	: 1,000 bushels	: 1,000 bushels
1953				
February				
Sunday				
2	19,652	587	88	20,327
3	20,165	595	100	20,860
4	20,244	597	96	20,937
5	20,274	598	89	20,961
6	20,299	634	82	21,015
Saturday				
Sunday				
9	20,093	609	79	20,781
10	20,122	614	82	20,818
11	20,090	599	90	20,779
Holiday				
13	20,256	596	89	20,941
Saturday				
Sunday				
16	20,035	589	93	20,717
17	20,235	589	104	20,928
18	20,408	567	103	21,078
19	20,539	570	107	21,216
20	20,336	560	120	21,016
Saturday				
Sunday				
Holiday				
24	20,455	560	120	21,135
25	20,486	549	140	21,175
26	20,545	542	147	21,234
27	20,584	536	131	21,251
Saturday				

Table 21. RYE: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
February 1953

Date	Future				All futures
	March	May	July	September	
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
February					
Sunday					
2	---	13,086	4,562	2,004	19,652
3	---	13,388	4,846	1,951	20,165
4	---	13,454	4,867	1,923	20,244
5	---	13,423	4,884	1,967	20,274
6	---	13,288	4,920	2,091	20,299
Saturday					
Sunday					
9	---	12,824	4,989	2,280	20,093
10	---	12,869	4,940	2,313	20,122
11	---	12,810	4,988	2,292	20,090
Holiday					
13	---	12,906	4,984	2,366	20,256
Saturday					
Sunday					
16	---	12,644	5,018	2,373	20,035
17	---	12,851	5,114	2,270	20,235
18	---	12,907	5,162	2,339	20,408
19	---	12,987	5,183	2,369	20,539
20	---	12,563	5,309	2,464	20,336
Saturday					
Sunday					
Holiday					
24	---	12,676	5,354	2,425	20,455
25	---	12,526	5,471	2,489	20,486
26	---	12,405	5,602	2,538	20,545
27	---	12,433	5,549	2,602	20,584
Saturday					

Table 22. RYE: Daily closing prices, at Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg
February 1953

Date	1953 May future		
	Chicago	Minneapolis	Winnipeg
	Board of	Grain	Grain
	Trade	Exchange	Exchange
1953 February	Cents	Cents	Cents 1/
Sunday			
2	181-81 1/2	175 5/8 a	167 3/8
3	180 1/2-3/4	175 1/4 b	163 b
4	181	175 3/4 b	167 5/8
5	180-80 1/2	174 7/8 a	167 1/8
6	176 3/4	172	164
Saturday			
Sunday			
9	173	169 a	161 1/4
10	174 1/2-3/4	170 1/4 a	161 3/8
11	173 3/4-74	169 1/2 a	160 3/8
Holiday			
13	173 1/4-3/4	169 1/4 a	160 3/4
Saturday			
Sunday			
16	174 1/2-3/4	169 1/4	161 1/8 b
17	173-73 1/4	168 1/2 b	158 1/2
18	173 1/2-3/4	168 5/8 b	159 3/4
19	173 3/4-74	168 3/4 b	160
20	177 1/2-3/4	172 1/4 b	163 5/8
Saturday			
Sunday			
Holiday			
24	177-77 1/4	172 1/2 b	163 3/4 b
25	179 1/4	174 1/4 b	164 3/4
26	179 3/4-80	175 5/8 b	165 3/8
27	179 1/4-1/2	174 1/2 b	165 7/8
Saturday			

1/ Quotations converted into U. S. currency.

NOTE: Exchange rate not available on February 12 and 23, Chicago banks closed.

Table 24. GRAIN SORGHUMS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
February 1953

Date	Future		All futures
	March	May	
1953 February	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Sunday			
2	---	---	---
3	---	---	---
4	---	---	---
5	---	---	---
6	600	---	600
Saturday			
Sunday			
9	1,200	---	1,200
10	---	---	---
11	---	---	---
Holiday			
13	600	---	600
Saturday			
Sunday			
16	---	---	---
17	2,100	---	2,100
18	---	---	---
19	---	---	---
20	---	---	---
Saturday			
Sunday			
Holiday			
24	---	---	---
25	---	---	---
26	300	---	300
27	---	---	---
Saturday			
Total			
Feb. 1953	4,800	---	4,800
Jan. 1953	5,100	600	5,700
Feb. 1952	52,500	41,900	<u>1</u> /101,700

1/ Includes 300 July future

Table 25. GRAIN SORGHUMS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
February 1953

Date	Future		All futures
	March	May	
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000
<u>February</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>
Sunday			
2	8,100	900	9,000
3	8,100	900	9,000
4	8,100	900	9,000
5	8,100	900	9,000
6	7,500	900	8,400
Saturday			
Sunday			
9	7,500	900	8,400
10	7,500	900	8,400
11	7,500	900	8,400
Holiday			
13	6,900	900	7,800
Saturday			
Sunday			
16	6,300	900	7,200
17	6,300	900	7,200
18	6,300	900	7,200
19	6,300	900	7,200
20	6,300	900	7,200
Saturday			
Sunday			
Holiday			
24	6,300	900	7,200
25	6,300	900	7,200
26	6,300	900	7,200
27	6,300	900	7,200
Saturday			

Table 26. GRAIN SORGHUMS: High, low and closing prices, Chicago Board of Trade
February 1953

Date	1953 March future				1953 May future		
	High	Low	Closing		High	Low	Closing
1953							
February	Cents	Cents	Cents		Cents	Cents	Cents
Sunday							
2	---	---	320 b-33 a		---	---	326 n
3	---	---	320 b-35 a		---	---	326 n
4	---	---	320 b-30 a		---	---	326 n
5	---	---	320 b-30 a		---	---	326 n
6	320	319	319 a		---	---	326 n
Saturday							
Sunday							
9	---	---	318 a		---	---	326 n
10	---	---	312 b-15 a		---	---	326 n
11	---	---	312 b-15 a		---	---	326 n
Holiday							
13	315	315	315		---	---	326 n
Saturday							
Sunday							
16	---	---	319 a		---	---	326 n
17	317	315	317		---	---	321 a
18	---	---	320 a		---	---	318 b-24 a
19	---	---	318 a		---	---	321 a
20	---	---	320 a		---	---	316 b-21 a
Saturday							
Sunday							
Holiday							
24	---	---	318 a		---	---	316 b-22 a
25	---	---	318 a		---	---	316 b-22 a
26	315	315	315		---	---	324 a
27	---	---	315 b		---	---	324 n
Saturday							

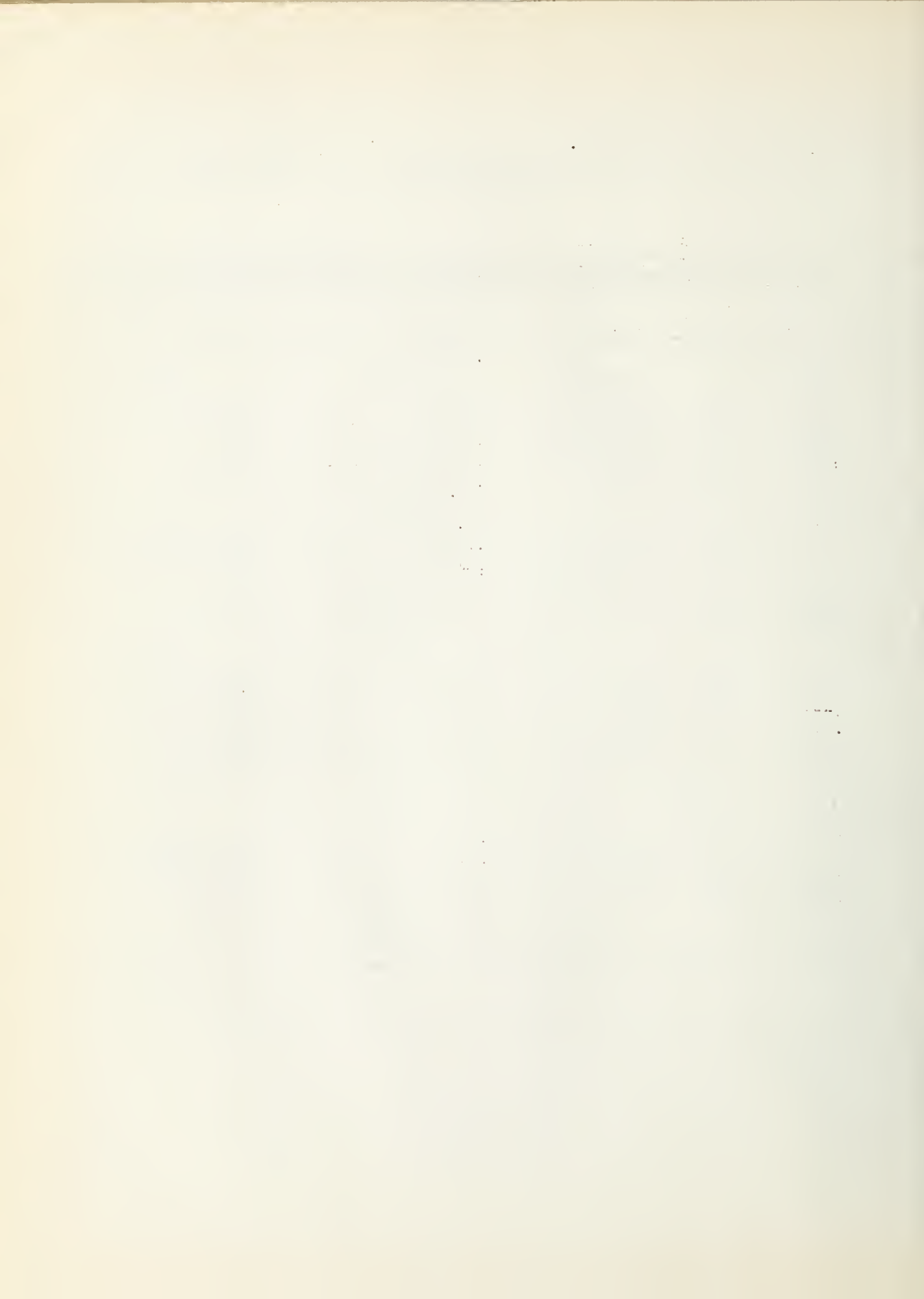


Table 27. SOYBEANS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
February 1953

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	November	
1953 February	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
Sunday						
2	4,364	6,911	1,827	490	260	13,872
3	4,715	6,084	1,656	296	97	12,848
4	3,610	5,246	1,782	307	58	11,003
5	2,927	3,867	886	120	86	7,886
6	6,167	10,847	2,793	432	310	20,549
Saturday						
Sunday						
9	5,385	9,688	3,715	698	421	19,907
10	3,771	8,917	2,719	340	386	16,133
11	3,384	7,276	2,149	531	263	13,603
Holiday						
13	3,473	7,660	2,036	343	412	13,924
Saturday						
Sunday						
16	2,937	5,407	1,270	196	302	10,112
17	3,927	7,629	2,011	250	298	14,115
18	4,441	8,447	2,076	254	450	15,668
19	3,050	6,584	1,497	216	269	11,625
20	4,394	9,078	3,225	459	447	17,603
Saturday						
Sunday						
Holiday						
24	3,467	7,781	3,101	365	199	14,913
25	3,436	7,477	3,756	267	334	15,272
26	3,485	7,414	2,627	161	428	14,115
27	3,230	6,456	2,385	303	181	12,555
Saturday						
Total						
Feb. 1953	70,174	132,769	41,511	6,028	5,221	255,703
Jan. 1953	137,146	104,832	35,781	7,804	1,185	1/322,466
Feb. 1952	60,101	97,784	37,733	7,195	3,933	206,746

1/ Includes 35,718 January future

NOTE: Trading in Soybeans on the Chicago Board of Trade during February 1953 amounted to approximately 98 percent of all trading in this commodity.

Table 28. SOYBEANS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
February 1953

Future							All
Date	March	May	July	September	November		futures
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
February	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
Sunday							
2	17,209	22,344	14,106	2,831	622		57,112
3	16,900	22,473	14,151	2,855	645		57,024
4	16,626	22,314	13,985	2,938	645		56,508
5	16,358	22,554	13,942	2,940	663		56,457
6	15,744	22,310	14,250	2,994	780		56,078
Saturday							
Sunday							
9	14,883	21,506	14,137	3,091	912		54,529
10	14,294	21,335	13,900	3,031	904		53,464
11	13,648	21,452	13,440	2,902	390		52,332
Holiday							
13	13,318	21,484	13,414	3,005	1,017		52,238
Saturday							
Sunday							
16	12,576	21,703	13,449	3,071	1,028		51,827
17	12,250	21,822	13,664	3,078	1,134		51,948
18	11,545	21,590	13,640	3,129	1,188		51,092
19	11,014	21,851	13,842	3,096	1,161		50,964
20	10,557	21,967	14,174	3,127	1,238		51,063
Saturday							
Sunday							
Holiday							
24	10,049	22,475	14,632	3,133	1,254		51,543
25	9,161	22,867	15,086	3,200	1,344		51,658
26	8,617	23,241	15,422	3,208	1,350		51,838
27	7,907	23,446	15,478	3,219	1,363		51,415
Saturday							

NOTE: Open contracts in Soybeans on the Chicago Board of Trade during the month of February 1953 accounted for over 99 percent of all futures contracts outstanding in this commodity.

Table 29. SOYBEANS: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, February 1953

Date	1953 March future			1953 May future			1953 July future		
	:High	Low	Closing	:High	Low	Closing	:High	Low	Closing
1953									
February	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents
Sunday	:			:			:		
2	:296 1/2	292	292 1/4-1/2	:295 1/2	291 1/2	291 1/2-3/4	:293 1/2	290	290
3	:292 3/4	290 1/2	292 1/4-1/2	:292 1/4	290 1/2	291 3/4-92	:290 3/4	289	290 1/4
4	:292 1/2	290 5/8	292 1/4-1/2	:292 1/2	290 5/8	292-92 1/4	:290 1/2	289	290 1/4-1/2
5	:292 1/2	290 1/2	291 1/2-3/4	:292 3/4	290 3/4	291 1/2-3/4	:291	289	290
6	:290 1/2	285 1/4	286 3/4-87	:290 1/2	285 1/4	286 1/2-3/4	:289	283 1/2	284 1/2-3/4
Saturday	:			:			:		
Sunday	:			:			:		
9	:285 3/4	281 3/4	281 3/4-82	:285 3/4	281 1/4	281 1/4-1/2	:283 3/4	280	280-80 1/4
10	:284 3/4	281 3/4	284 1/4-1/2	:285	282	284 1/2-3/4	:283 1/4	279 3/4	282 1/2-3/4
11	:285 1/4	282	282 1/2-83	:285 1/2	282 1/8	282 1/4-1/2	:283 1/2	280 3/4	280 3/4-81
Holiday	:			:			:		
13	:283 3/4	280	283 1/4-1/2	:283 1/4	280	282 3/4-83	:282 1/4	278 3/4	281 1/2-3/4
Saturday	:			:			:		
Sunday	:			:			:		
16+	:284 1/2	282 1/2	283 1/2-84	:284 1/2	282 3/4	283 1/2-3/4	:283	281 1/2	282 1/2-3/4
17	:286 1/4	282 1/2	285 3/4-86 1/4	:285 1/2	282 1/4	285-85 1/4	:284	281	283 1/4-1/2
18	:288 7/8	285 3/4	288 1/2-3/4	:288	285 1/4	287 3/4-88	:286 3/8	283 3/4	286
19	:289 3/4	287	289-89 1/2	:288 1/2	286 1/8	288 1/4-1/2	:286 3/4	284 1/2	286 1/2-3/4
20	:291 1/2	287 3/4	291 1/4-1/2	:290 3/4	286 3/4	290 1/2-3/4	:289 3/4	285 1/4	289-89 1/2
Saturday	:			:			:		
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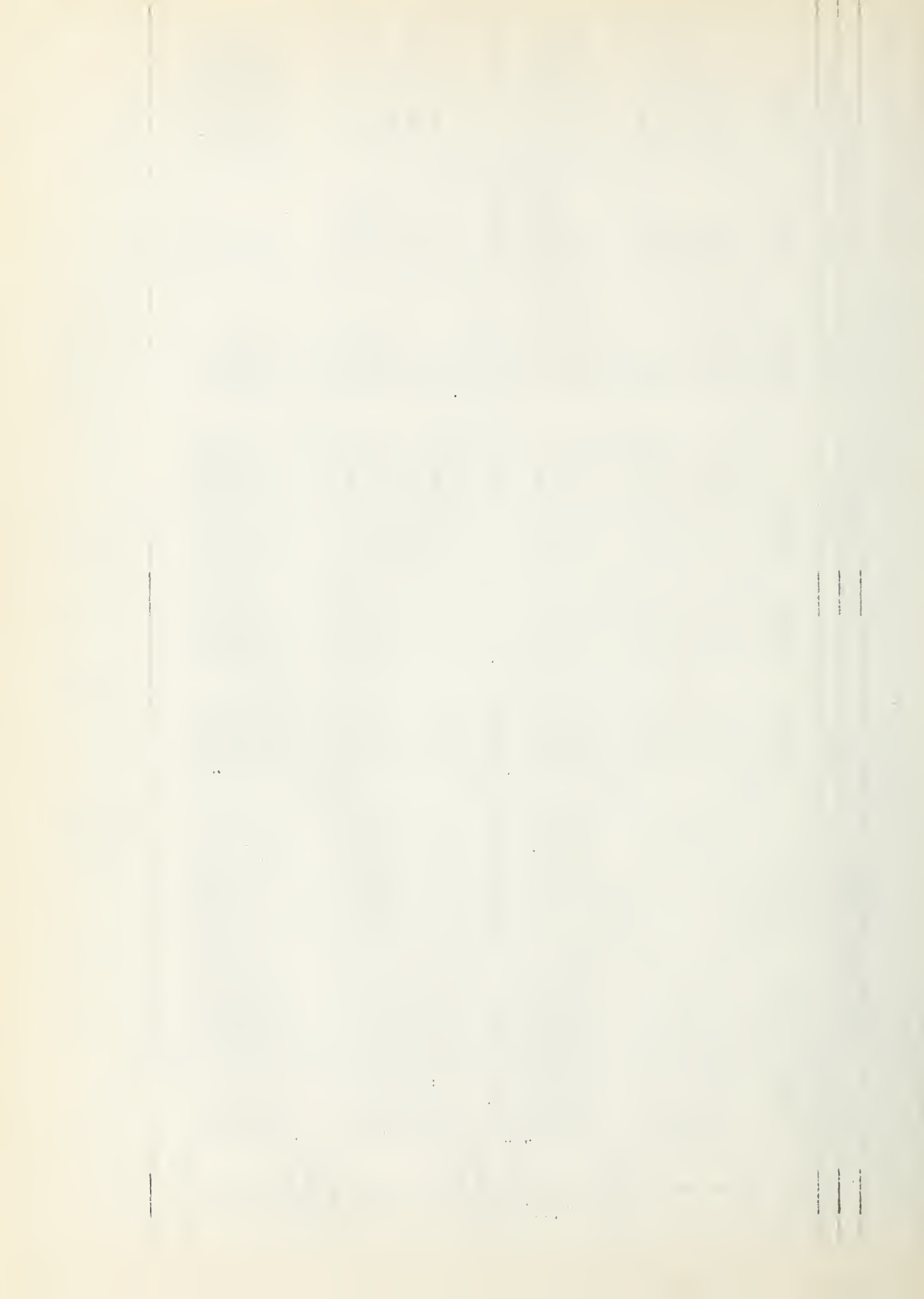


Table 30. 1953 JANUARY FUTURES Deliveries of grain on all contract markets

Commodity and Market	Initial Deliveries	Redeliveries	Total Deliveries	Notices passed
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
<u>SOYBEANS</u>				
Chicago Board of Trade	913	2,446	3,359	698
Chicago Open Board	---	---	---	---
Minneapolis	---	---	---	---
Total, all markets	913	2,446	3,359	698

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